

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10 December 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2 and 4.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT***Response to Amendment - Amendment to Specification NOT ENTERED***

The amendment to the specification filed on 10 DECEMBER 2007 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because new paragraphs should not be totally underlined (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii) highlighted below). Amendments to the claims filed on or after July 30, 2003 must comply with 37 CFR 1.121(b) which states:

(b) Specification . Amendments to the specification, other than the claims, computer listings (§ 1.96) and sequence listings (§ 1.825), must be made by adding, deleting or replacing a paragraph, by replacing a section, or by a substitute specification, in the manner specified in this section.

(1) Amendment to delete, replace, or add a paragraph . Amendments to the specification, including amendment to a section heading or the title of the invention which are considered for amendment purposes to be an amendment of a paragraph, must be made by submitting:

(i) An instruction, which unambiguously identifies the location, to delete one or more paragraphs of the specification, replace a paragraph with one or more replacement paragraphs, or add one or more paragraphs;

(ii) The full text of any replacement paragraph with markings to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph. The text of any added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text. The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strikethrough cannot be easily perceived;

(iii) The full text of any added paragraphs without any underlining;

and (iv) The text of a paragraph to be deleted must not be presented with

strike-through or placed within double brackets. The instruction to delete may identify a paragraph by its paragraph number or include a few words from the beginning, and end, of the paragraph, if needed for paragraph identification purposes.

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(2) Amendment by replacement section . If the sections of the specification contain section headings as provided in § 1.77(b), § 1.154(b), or § 1.163(c), amendments to the specification, other than the claims, may be made by submitting:

(i) A reference to the section heading along with an instruction, which unambiguously identifies the location, to delete that section of the specification and to replace such deleted section with a replacement section; and;

(ii) A replacement section with markings to show all changes relative to the previous version of the section. The text of any added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text. The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strike-through cannot be easily perceived.

(3) Amendment by substitute specification . The specification, other than the claims, may also be amended by submitting:

(i) An instruction to replace the specification; and

(ii) A substitute specification in compliance with §§ 1.125(b) and (c).

(4) Reinstatement of previously deleted paragraph or section . A previously deleted paragraph or section may be reinstated only by a subsequent amendment adding the previously deleted paragraph or section.

(5) Presentation in subsequent amendment document . Once a paragraph or section is amended in a first amendment document, the paragraph or section shall not be represented in a subsequent amendment document unless it is amended again or a substitute specification is provided.

Since the reply filed on 10 DECEMBER 2007 appears to be *bona fide*, the examiner has not entered the entire "Amendment to the Specification" section, but has performed all of the same changed by Examiner's Amendment below.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title of the application, on page 1, line 1, with the following marked up title:

ADJUSTABLE LENGTH DECORATION PANEL

Please replace the previously amended paragraph beginning on page 2, line 10, with the following marked up paragraph:

According to one aspect of the invention, there is provided a decoration panel to be installed on walls which comprises a main panel 15 having a plurality of first holes 20 aligned on the upper or lower part of it in the vertical direction, a sub panels 30, 40 having a front cover 31 and a plurality of second holes 37a, 37b on the rear of the front cover 31 corresponding in spacing to the holes 20 and being inserted on the upper or lower end of the main panel 15, and a joiner (fastener) 50 being engaged through the holes 37a, 37b of the sub panel 30, 40 into the holes 20 of the main panel 15 to join the sub panel 30, 40 to the upper or lower part of the main panel 15, wherein the length of the decoration panel is adjustable by selectively inserting the joiner 50 with the holes ~~[[37]]~~ 37a, 37b of the sub panel 30 and the corresponding holes 20 of the main panel 15.

Please replace the previously amended paragraph beginning on page 3, line 1, with the following marked up paragraph:

According to the other aspect of the invention, there is provided a decoration panel wherein the first holes 20 are formed on the first strips 55 disposed on the upper or lower part of rear of the main panel 15 in a longitudinal direction, and the second holes 37a, 37b are formed on the second strips 60 disposed on the rear of the front cover 31 of the sub panels 30, 40 in a longitudinal direction and the edge plates 65a, 65b, 66a, 66b ~~65, 66~~ are provided on the periphery of the main panel 15, and the upper or lower edge plates 65a, 65b ~~[[65]]~~ of the main panel 15 have recesses 70 corresponding to the first strips 55 so that the second strips 60 of the sub panel 30, 40 may be inserted on the recesses 70 when the sub panels 30, 40 are joined on the upper or lower end of the main panel 15.

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 4, between lines 1 and 2:

Figures 2A and 2B are expanded views of particular features identified in Figure 2.

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 4, between lines 2 and 3:

Figure 3A is an expanded view of a particular feature identified in Figure 3.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, line 1 with the following:

CLAIMSWHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

~~ABSTRACT~~ABSTRACT

~~This invention is a~~ A decoration panel the length of which is adjustable so that it ~~may~~ could be fitted to a various ~~sizes~~ size of walls, windows, furniture and so on. The decoration panel includes ~~comprises~~ a main panel ~~[[15]]~~ having a plurality of holes ~~[[20]]~~ aligned on the upper or lower part of it in the vertical direction~~[[, a sub]]~~. Sub panels ~~[[30, 40]]~~ having a front cover ~~[[31]]~~ and a plurality of holes ~~37a, 37b~~ on the rear of the front cover ~~[[31]]~~ corresponding in spacing to the holes ~~20 and being~~ are inserted on the upper or lower end of the main panel ~~15, and a~~. A joiner ~~is~~ 50 ~~being~~ engaged through the holes ~~37a, 37b~~ of the sub panel ~~[[30, 40]]~~ into the holes ~~[[20]]~~ of the main panel ~~[[15]]~~.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gay Ann Spahn whose telephone number is (571)-272-7731. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 10:30 am to 7:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard E. Chilcot can be reached on (571)-272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)-273-8300.

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